





THE TURKO-GREEK QUESTION.

This conference to be held in a few days in Paris, to consider the Turkish question, will be attended by the representatives of France, England, Austria, Italy, Prussia and Russia. The Sultan has declined to go into the conference, as the Cretan question is to be discussed.

There is little doubt that this conference will lead to the peaceful settlement of the questions at issue between Turkey and Greece, unless Prussia and Russia are present. The efforts of the two great powers to prevent the efforts of the other two toward pacification. However, covetous Russia may be of Constantinople, and the other European possessions of the "sick man," she will not again risk a war with England and France, and probably Austria, to attain her ends, unless she has secured the alliance of Italy and Prussia, which does not seem probable.

But what of the poor Cretans? They will probably be left where they were, under the great powers, whose combined fleets, in 1827, secured the independence of Continental Greece. Their sufferings will be regarded as too small a matter to be allowed to disturb the peace of Europe.

Gov. Wise's Property.

The Washington correspondent of the New York World says the restoration of the property of ex-Governor Wise, of Virginia, has been made under a duress, so that he will not charge or sue for four years' occupation of it by about a hundred bureau officials and a thousand grocers, negroes, who have made free with the estate during all that period. Nothing of value remains but the land. The estate has been made a bar, the furniture has been sold, the linen and silver have been sold, the pawns to Butler, the outhouses have been used for stables, and the fences for fuel. The little raised on the place has been used for the present, while the black and negroes. Even now, the negroes of blacks who have squatted on the estate refuse to move, and a military force is being sent, with partial success, by force. The place was taken under no duress, and thereby the order, and everything has been wrecked or stolen, except the soil and the orchards.

THE COURT OF CLAIMS.—A document just published shows the number of claims rendered by the United States Court of Claims during the past year, the names of the parties to whose claims they were rendered, and of their attorneys, and the amounts awarded. The court gave favorable judgments in fifty-five cases, the cotton having been captured by the United States forces. The claims in all such suits are required to prove loyalty to the United States at the time of capture. The aggregate of these cotton claims is \$500,000. The claims range from under \$1,000 to \$4,000. The claims for acceptance of sundry bills of exchange or drafts by John B. Floyd, Secretary of War.

It is estimated by those who have some knowledge of the subject, that about one million two hundred and fifty thousand Free and Accepted Masons are scattered over the face of the globe. Of this number some one hundred and fifty thousand are in England, one hundred thousand in the United States, and the remainder in other parts of the world. In England there are two or three thousand Masons initiated every year, and the body is said to be everywhere increasing.

The oldest man in Minnesota, Louis La Bonte, aged one hundred and four years, died at the residence of his son-in-law at Fairmount last week. Mr. Bonte, who was born in France, began to grow childish, and finally possessed his intelligence. Three years ago he lost his power of speech, and with it apparently his reason. On going back to France he was found sitting up, about twenty years of age, a Frenchman and a Catholic, and was in the British service in the year of 1812.

The work of restoring the ancient and beautiful Cathedral of Gloucester, England, formerly the church of a Benedictine abbey, and dating back to the twelfth century, is going forward successfully. The exterior work is about half completed; the south porch has been begun, and the choir will be forthwith restored, at an expense of some \$100,000. The whole restoration probably cost two hundred thousand dollars.

As a railway train was passing Kent, Cal., a few days since, a man was discovered lying on the track. It was too late to stop the train before it reached him, but it was done as soon as possible. On going back, the man was found sitting up, about twenty years of age, a Frenchman and a Catholic, and was in the British service in the year of 1812.

The English Government will doubtless be wise enough to avoid all such risks and complications, by doing what it would have been wise in us to have done, namely: Retaining consular jurisdiction in all matters relating to foreign commerce, and in all other matters relating to the rights of its subjects, and giving greater impulse to the tendency shown by the great Chinese world to come within the pale of Christian civilization, and Christianizing influences.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT.

It is more and more evident every day that the conflict, between Gen. Grant and the range of the Radical party, is irrepressible. Grant is opposed to subsidies to railroads, and the Radical party is in both Houses of Congress, where fine houses and costly equipages and sumptuous living are derived from their connection with these things. Grant is opposed to whiskey, and the Radical party is in both Houses of Congress, where fine houses and costly equipages and sumptuous living are derived from their connection with these things.

On and after January 1, 1897, all officers, judges, and ministers of the Gospel will be paid by the Federal Government. The salary of the President will be \$50,000 a year, and the salary of the Vice-President will be \$25,000 a year.

The Car is said to be extremely fond of cars, but it is supposed he would, if not interfered with by France and England, change his diet and take Turkey.

The largest landholder in the United States is one Hayward, of Illinois, a young fellow of twenty-four, who was married on Thanksgiving day.

Fourteen hundred Poles have been notified that after the first of January they are to expel no more aid from the French government.

Two French nobleman, both officers in the army, have lately entered a contest in which the rules are of the most austere character.

The National Bricklayers' Union, said to number 10,000 members, will hold a convention in Washington on the 10th of January next.

The proportion of maniacs in France has increased in the last thirty-three years from one in 2,500 persons to one in 400.

A tame deer in the city park at Charleston, S. C., attacks children regularly every Sunday. Recently, it was taken up the aisle in the chapel, and then it was taken up the aisle in the chapel, and then it was taken up the aisle in the chapel.

An English clergyman was recently seen in the streets of London, carrying a cane, and a woman in a long dress, and a woman in a long dress, and a woman in a long dress.

Professor Winchell, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, thinks he saw recently, for two nights, a volcano in the moon, in active operation.

MEAT AND COGSSES.

A Brief View of the Situation.

From the N. Y. World, Dec. 28, 1896.

General Grant yesterday expressed the opinion that Mr. Conkling's bill would never come to a vote, and that the bill would be defeated. He said that the bill would be defeated, and that the bill would be defeated.

His Mistake in Arresting Bowles.

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**Marshall and Deputy.**

Mr. Will. Moran, the new City Marshal, will enter upon the duties of his office next Monday. Mr. Pat. Dillon, chief of police force, has received the appointment of Deputy Marshal, and will also assume the duties of his office on Monday. This is an excellent appointment, and we expect hereafter to see the best of order prevail in our City Court.

**The Minstrels.**

Emerson, Allen & Manning's well-known Minstrels will open a Winter Hall to-night. This is universally conceded to be one of the best troupes in the country. They are well known to the public of Louisville, and they only remain with us three nights, we hope to see the full bill at every performance. They will give a matinee on Saturday.

**Notable Invention.**

Mr. Green B. Marshall, one of our most distinguished engineers and inventors, has just applied for a patent on a new cotton tie, with a buckle entirely different from any in use, and which can be used to take the place of a necktie. A beautiful drawing of the invention can be seen at the National Hotel, and our cotton dealers and planters would do well to call and see it.

**New Year's Calls.**

It has been suggested by a young man, who has been making a list of the calls on New Year's day, that those who do not intend to keep open house, indicate it by hanging a basket at the door, in which cards may be placed, and which may contain any number of young ladies being annoyed by a host of young men, who probably never saw half a dozen times, as it is evident the old time fashion will be generally observed this year.

**The Louisville Hotel-its Lease for.**

We have already mentioned the fact, that the Louisville Hotel has been leased to Mr. J. M. Keen. We understand that the lease for the first year, \$12,000 for the second, and \$17,000 for the third year, or \$44,000 for the hotel proper for three years. The lease for the past three years was \$12,000 per year, including the stores. Mr. J. M. Keen, one of the proprietors, has disposed of his interest to Mr. Harrison. The firm now consists of M. Keen, Phil. Judge and Mrs. Harrison.

**A Typographical Holiday.**

On Christmas day, when everybody else was abroad enjoying a holiday, the typographical force of the DEMOCRAT was at work as usual. To-morrow—New Year's day—they are to take their holiday, and we issue no paper on Sunday, our readers must content themselves for two days—Saturday and Sunday—without the DEMOCRAT. Two "vacant days" coming together, this is rather steep, but the alternate makes a more responsible one. We ought to have named some other day, but we have named the first of January. On Monday the DEMOCRAT will appear again, brighter and fresher and better than ever.

**Matthew's Remembrance.**

Mr. L. G. Matthews, of the firm of Norman & Matthews, publishers of the New Albany Ledger, has recently patented a "Remembrance" memorandum book, which is the most convenient and economical thing of the kind that has ever been issued. The book is neatly bound, and contains a full and complete record of the year, and is a most valuable and useful thing.

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Their Wants Abundantly Supplied.

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